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DEAR SIR:

I AM WRITING CONCERNING THE RATE INCREASE REQUESTED BY SCE&G. IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY YEAR THAT SCE&G REQUEST A RATE INCREASE AND PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF ON FIXED INCOMES ARE OVERBURDENED WITH THIS INCREASE. I REQUEST THAT SCE&G UNDERGO A ENERGY AUDIT TO DETERMINE HOW EFFICIENTLY THEY ARE BEFORE GRANTING ANY RATE INCREASE. THEY CAN FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE THAT SANTEE COOPER HAS MADE TO THEIR CUSTOMERS OF HAVING LOW RATES AND EFFICIENT SERVICE. SCE&G CONSTANTLY BLEED THE LAST DOLLAR OUT OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO PAY FOR THEIR GREEDY LIFESTYLE. AS AN EXAMPLE MY 81 YEAR OLD WIDOW MOTHER IS PAYING \$250 A MONTH FOR A POWER BILL EVEN THOUGH SHE IS A TIGHT WAD WITH ELECTRICITY. ONLY BY THE GRACE OF GOD IS SHE ABLE TO PAY HER BILLS. PLEASE MEASURE THE COMPASSION FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS WHEN YOU CONSIDER A RATE INCREASE FOR SCE&G.

SINCERELY,

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